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In re Application of  
Cerami, et al.  
Application No. 09/921,282  
Filed: August 1, 2001  
Atty. Dkt. No. 020366-077210  
For: MANAGEMENT OF VIRTUAL AND  
PHYSICAL NETWORK INVENTORIES

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: DECISION ACCORDING STATUS  
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)  
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This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a),  
filed February 1, 2002.

The petition is GRANTED.

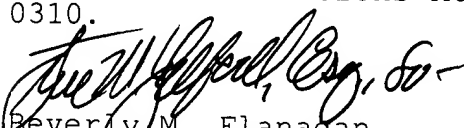
Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor has  
refused to join in the filing of the above-identified  
application after having been presented with the application  
papers. Specifically, the declarations of Chad S. Hilyard and  
Brian N. Young sufficiently establish that the inventor  
received the application papers and refused to execute the  
declaration.

The above-identified application and papers have been  
reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This  
application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice  
of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at  
the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of  
this application will also be published in the Official  
Gazette.

After this decision is mailed, the above-identified  
application will be returned to the Office of Initial Patent  
Examination for issuance of a corrected filing receipt.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be  
directed to Petitions Attorney Alesia M. Brown at (703) 305-  
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Dear Sir:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above-identified United States patent application filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost as per 37 C.F.R. § 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to Petitions Attorney Alesia M. Brown at (703) 305-0310. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to Certification Division at (703) 308-9726 or 1-800-972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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